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LANSING ENTERS SUGGESTION FOR ARBITRATION OF BORDER DISPUTES

Secretary of State Proposed Formation of Convention for Prevention of Quarrels Anent Boundaries.

WOULD PROHIBIT ARM SHIPMENTS TO REBELS

Technical Form in Which Proposal Is Made Not Disclosed; General Aim Is at a Thoroughly United America.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lansing has suggested that all the nations which, with the United States, comprise the Pan-American Union, join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Secretary Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin American ambassadors and ministers here to their home foreign offices. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan in which the Pan-American Republics, now in session here, are a part for preservation of peace on the western hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas.

The status of the negotiators and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposal are not being held as confidential because the state department and the Latin American ambassadors here.

Mr. Lansing today declined entirely to discuss it in any phase, and the diplomats, uniformly declared, they could not discuss a matter which was in its preliminary stage and under consideration by their home foreign offices.

It is known, however, that soon after Secretary Lansing delivered his Pan-American unity speech before the Schmitz congress, in which he advocated a Pan-American union for all and all for peace, he began to visit the Latin American representatives to the state department two at a time, and outlining to them his proposal. At the same time, it is understood, the secretary's public declaration, which suggested that all the Pan-American nations should, if possible, constitute a united front against any unjust invasion or aggression upon a neighbor, was discussed in some detail. It is suggested that the Latin Americans uniformly expressed their approval of Mr. Lansing's statements.

The technical form in which the new proposal was made was not disclosed today, but there are indications that it took the usual form of a memorandum to the diplomats, and was in such official form as could be transmitted to their home governments as the basis for the action.

One of the first elements of the proposal which has for one of its ultimate objects the securing of a thoroughly united America, is the preservation of peace in the American continent.

It is realized that the chief menace to such a peace are boundary disputes and revolutionary activities. It is pointed out that if all boundary disputes are removed to the realm of arbitration, and all the Pan-American nations bind themselves to absolutely prohibit shipments of war munitions to any other than established governments, peace among the nations themselves would practically be assured and the attention of all the American nations could be devoted to what Secretary Lansing expressed in his speech as working out their destinies.

RIO GRANDE LEAGUE DREAM - STUFF, AVER INTERESTED CITIZENS

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 29.—Puebloans are interested in the proposed Rio Grande baseball league next year, which is the subject of a meeting of the citizens of this city, who are in attendance at the hotel of the city.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 29.—The city of Colorado Springs has no knowledge of the proposed effort to organize a team for the Rio Grande baseball league in 1916.

SURGEONS OPERATE ON EMPEROR WILLIAM

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) London, Dec. 29, (12:20 p. m.)—A dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, to the Central News says: "Emperor William, who is suffering from a suppurating abscess in the neck, has been given some relief, his doctors having resorted to lance-

East Recovers From Storm as West Begins to Feel Its Rigor

Weather Bureau Reports Center of Disturbances as Over Arizona Today; Conditions Almost Normal in New York.

CITRUS CROPS THOUGHT NOT TO BE DAMAGED

Orange Trees Mantled With Snow in Southern California for First Time in Memory of Oldest Inhabitants.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Dawn today revealed at many points in the southern California citrus belt the remarkable spectacle of orange trees mantled with snow. It was a scene which, according to the oldest residents, had not been witnessed in many years, but temperatures did not range below 32 degrees and the orange crops suffered no damage.

The valleys stretching eastward to Riverside and San Bernardino counties are blanketed. Rain was falling before noon throughout the region.

CONDITIONS APPROACH NORMAL IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 29.—Conditions throughout the east approached normal today after yesterday's dead, snow and wind storm.

NORTHWEST STATES EXPERIENCE SHARP COLD

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—Temperatures that were in the low 20s were recorded by government thermometers in Idaho, Montana and eastern Washington today. Kalamazoo and Bayre, Mont., reported in degrees below zero. Idaho reported the lowest temperature as 2 above and in Spokane 1 above was registered at 9 o'clock.

Prince Albert, Sask., reported 20 degrees below zero.

SAN JOAQUIN CITRUS FRUIT IS UNDAUNTED

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 29.—A temperature of 28 degrees last night did not damage the citrus crop of the San Joaquin valley, so far as could be learned today.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TODAY

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Rising temperatures with prospects of snow in Kansas, Nebraska and central western Missouri prevailed today.

NORTHERN OHIO HAS A HEAVY DRIFTING SNOWFALL

Cleveland, O., Dec. 29.—Northern Ohio was digging itself out of the deepest snow which has fallen in this section in two years, and today traffic companies were working hard to restore normal conditions which were interrupted by yesterday's blizzard.

One man was frozen to death here last night and there were numerous minor accidents. Points east of Cleveland reported a fall of snow from one to two feet deep.

Denver, Dec. 29.—The storm area from the northwest that caused a considerable snowfall in Colorado yesterday was central over Arizona today, according to the government district weather bureau. Rain was falling in southern Arizona with snow in the northern half of that state, parts of Colorado, Wyoming and the Dakotas. Higher temperatures were reported in New Mexico, eastern Arizona and southwestern Colorado.

Celebrated Men To Be Arbiters Under New Pact

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—The proposal of the international commission which will arbitrate the dispute between the United States in any dispute which arises under the treaty negotiated by former Secretary Bryan will be announced formally.

George Gray of Delaware, as previously announced, will be the nations' arbitrator for the United States. Dr. Charles H. Hays, a member of the United States, will be the arbitrator for Germany.

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GERMAN PRESS IS MUCH INTERESTED IN CONSCRIPTION

Newspapers Comment Extensively Upon Decision of English Cabinet to Compel Military Service.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Berlin, Dec. 29, (via London, 1:10 p. m.)—The decision of the British government to resort to compulsory military service is attracting wide attention in Germany. Berlin newspapers comment extensively on it.

The Morgenpost says conscription means a complete breach with the ideas of the British and believes it is not certain whether it can be carried out without affecting affairs of state seriously.

The socialist newspaper Vorwarts believes conscription will succeed after a hard fight. Die Post refers to conscription as the most drastic invasion of private rights which the British could conceive.

Under the heading "Militarism in England," the Vorwarts-Zeitung comments in the same vein as the Morgenpost in regard to the length of time necessary to build up a great army. It says introduction of general service in England will equalize the military burdens borne by that country and Germany and enable Germany to compete on equal terms in economic affairs and in some extent in commerce.

The Tagesschau captures this opinion: "It is not improbable the change in the government was influenced strongly by intimations of the allies of England that she should assume a larger share in the war."

Jury May Have Fate of Schmidt Sometime Today

Case Against Man Accused of Murder in Connection With Times Dynamiting Rapidly Nearing Conclusion.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—The trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with the murder of Charles Hagerty, one of twenty men killed when the Los Angeles Times building was blown up five years ago, rapidly neared its close today. The final argument in Schmidt's defense was made by Nathan Coghlan, his chief counsel, at the morning session of court. Thomas Lee Woodruff, district attorney, followed with a final plea for his conviction, and the court was expected to charge the jury in time to give the fate of the prisoner into their hands about dark.

The jury has the choice of five verdicts: Acquittal; manslaughter, with a maximum penalty of ten years; second degree murder, carrying a penalty of ten years to life imprisonment; first degree murder, with punishment fixed at life imprisonment; and first degree murder without recommendation of mercy, which requires imposition of the death sentence.

INQUIRIES HALT LEGAL PROCESSES FOR BUCHANAN

Department of Justice Officials Delay Service of Document Pending Investigation of Congressman's Status.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—Service of the warrant for the arrest of Representative Frank Buchanan, a filibuster on the independent charging conspiracy tooment strikes in American agriculture, was held up today while department of justice officials considered whether Mr. Buchanan, as a member of congress was immune from arrest.

In addition to Mr. Buchanan, the warrant calls for the arrest of former Representative Robert H. Parker of Illinois, H. B. Martin and Herman Schuller, in the same indictment. Whether the decision with respect to Mr. Buchanan will be made, the other three arrests would be made if possible.

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HARCOURT BECOMES VICEROY OF INDIA IS OFFICIAL CABLE

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—A special cable from London received here today says: "Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt has resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India."

No details regarding the change were contained in the report. Mr. Harcourt joined the coalition cabinet on May 24, last.

PENFIELD GIVEN AUSTRIAN REPLY TO INQUIRIES ON THE ANCONA CASE

Document is 3,000 Words in Length and Will Require Considerable Time to Be Placed in Code.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION IS NOTED

Constant Communication Going on With Berlin Until Actual Moment of Reply, Is Report From Geneva.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has received Austria's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Ancona. An official announcement to that effect was made by Secretary Lansing today.

Ambassador Penfield reported that the reply was about 3,000 words and that considerable time would be necessary to place the communication in code in the embassy in Vienna. There was nothing in his dispatch to indicate the tenor of the reply. Officials of the state department believe the note would arrive sometime before Saturday.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION NOTED

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 29, (via Paris, 2:20 p. m.)—Advices from Vienna this morning show no improvement in the situation as between Austria and the United States. The foreign minister, Baron von Burian, is said to be still hesitating over the final reply to Washington. Meanwhile there is constant communication with Berlin on the subject.

Rules Drafted For National Rifle Matches

Committee of Board for Promotion of Small Arms Practice Completes Work; Will Be Submitted January 13.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—Rules for the 1916 national rifle matches have been drafted by a committee appointed to formulate plans for the contest. The board for the promotion of rifle practice, which will meet here January 13 for its annual session. The suggested changes of rules were made public today by the war department and are in substance as follows:

To substitute for the present method of division of teams by kneeling into three classes with trophies and prizes for each class, a class A, B and C division on standing. The first fifteen state teams to form the first class, the next fifteen the second and the remaining teams the third. Class A team members would receive gold medals, class B silver and class C bronze. Cash prizes would be distributed with in the national team matches.

Teams from the army, navy and marine corps and also from schools and colleges would be added to the various classes according to standing. A single trophy to be awarded to the highest United States service team and a single trophy to the highest school or college team. The highest score team of the trophy winners would be awarded the national trophy, the second the Hilton trophy and the third the bronze soldier of Marathon trophy.

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REPUBLICANS IN SENATE TO FIGHT MEXICAN POLICY

Members of Foreign Relations Committee Prepare to Renew Attack on President's Plan of Action.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 29.—Republicans of the senate foreign relations committee are preparing to renew their attack on President Wilson's Mexican policy when congress reconvenes by fighting confirmation of Henry Fletcher's appointment as ambassador to Mexico.

Senator Borah, one of those who intend to lead the fight, said today the opposition was not to Mr. Fletcher himself, who is a Republican and much esteemed, but to the appointment of an ambassador at a time when the Republican senators contend there is no government in all parts of Mexico. There also is some Democratic opposition to Mr. Fletcher, but it is political.

The opposition, the Republicans say, will be made the vehicle of a fight on the administration's whole Mexican policy. The Republicans are opposed to recognition of any other government in Mexico without provision for reparation for the many American lives lost and the millions of dollars of property damaged in the revolutions. Some estimates of the number of American lives lost are as high as 150.

Wire-Tappers in Chicago Relieve Texan of Wealth

Swindlers Secure \$20,000.00 From Wealthy Stockman of Midland on Fake Horse Race Scheme.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wire-tappers alleged to be operating in a suburb of Chicago, swindled Vincent Barr, a wealthy stockman of Midland, Texas, out of \$20,000 on a fake horse race scheme, according to reports to the police today.

The swindlers, it was said, met Barr in Kansas City, where some swaggers were made on races, and later their acquaintance was renewed in Cincinnati. The men who got his money, Barr charges, are Edward A. Alexander and Charles C. Miller.

Barr and his two companions came to Chicago on Christmas day. It was reported, the wires were "tapped" and Barr was told that every bet he had been won. He turned over \$20,000 to the two men and all three left for Cincinnati, whence they were to go to Lexington to collect their winnings. Barr said he missed his friends on route and had not seen either of them or his \$20,000 since.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—Governor W. S. Hammond, who died suddenly at Clinton, La., departed from St. Paul for the south just a week ago today, to inspect farm lands which he owned in the vicinity of Clinton.

Legislative Governor J. A. Burnquist, who becomes governor of Minnesota as a result of the death of Governor Hammond at Clinton, La., was in bed with a bad cold today when he received the news of the governor's death.

Mr. Burnquist is a Republican, having been re-elected lieutenant governor after serving in that position during the administration of former Governor Riebert.

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GERMANY GIVES RECOGNITION TO CARRANZA BODY

Government De Facto of Mexico Formally Recognized by Berlin Foreign Office; Many Die from Typhus.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Berlin, Dec. 29, (via London, 11:50 a. m.)—Germany has extended recognition to the de facto government of Mexico, headed by General Venustiano Carranza.

TYPHUS CLAIMS 315 DEATHS IN NOVEMBER

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 29.—There were 315 deaths from typhus in Mexico City during November, according to a report of the city's health department received today by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here.

The report adds that during the first two weeks of December there were approximately 1,500 new cases reported.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Complaints against the forcible detention in Sonora, Mexico, of Henry Sims, brother of W. W. Sims, former United States attorney at Chicago, was laid before the state department today by Representative Mann.

Mr. Sims has attempted to leave Mexico, it is said, but has been held by military authorities of both the Villa and Carranza factions.

Apoplexy Cause of Sudden Death of the Governor of Minnesota

Winfield Scott Hammond Dies Suddenly in Hotel in Clinton, Louisiana, Where He Was Inspecting Property.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Clinton, La., Dec. 29.—Governor Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly in a hotel here early today from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians stated apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of pneumonia poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.

Governor Hammond, accompanied by his private secretary, J. A. Nowell, arrived here three days ago to inspect his extensive land and lumber interests in East Feliciana parish. He had not been well for several days, but was able to go about the town and parish, and did not consider his condition seriously serious to consult a physician.

Shortly after breakfast, about 9:50 o'clock this morning, Governor Hammond went into the wash room of his hotel and a moment later Mr. Nowell and others heard him groaning. Rushing to the room, Governor Hammond was found on the floor. He was carried to his room and physicians summoned but he expired within a few minutes.

Accompanied by Mr. Nowell and an escort from the Masonic lodge of Clinton, the body will be started northwest to St. Paul late today. The Masons will go as far as Vicksburg. Miss Governor Hall of Louisiana sent word from Baton Rouge that he and several members of his staff will accompany the body to Vicksburg.

Governor Hammond, upon his arrival here, stated that shortly after he left St. Paul and while on the train en route south he suffered an attack of pneumonia poisoning. He still felt its effect when he reached New Orleans, where he spent Christmas day.

When he arose this morning his condition was apparently improved.

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LONDON THINKS RUSSIANS WILL MAKE A STRONG DRIVE IN EAST

Believe Great Bear Is to Undertake Offensive in Bukovina; Austrian Reports Tell of Heavy Attacks by Slavs.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) London, Dec. 29, (11:40 a. m.)—Although Petrograd remains silent, the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukovina, near the Rumanian border.

Official Austrian reports tell of attacks by dense masses of Rumanian troops.

The fighting area extends along a front from the Pruth to a position of the Dolzest, a distance of about forty miles. The latest advice state that the Russian assault is being continued, accompanied by a heavy bombardment.

Unofficial reports from the extreme northern portion of the eastern front state that the Germans have made a serious but futile attack in the region of Lake Iabik, while the Rumanians are threatening Mitau. These opposing attacks create a delicate situation, as a successful advance by either would endanger considerable forces of the defeated opponent.

Along the western front, except for minor and aerial operations on the British lines, the chief fighting seems to be confined to the Ypres, where, in the region of Hartmann-Welskopf, the French claim to have made a successful advance. Berlin officially minimizes this success but does not deny it wholly. Nothing has happened to change the Macedonian situation.

The opinion exists that the Austro-Germans cannot secure enough troops for a serious attempt against Salonika. Domestic tension in England over the conscription question has been greatly raised. Speculation continues concerning the method which is to be adopted to reach a stable unarmisticed, a majority agreeing that the Derby plan will be extended for this purpose.

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